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SUBJECT: CODEL ASPIN

1. CONGRESSMAN LES ASPIN (DEMOCRAT, WISCONSIN), WILL BE VISITING YUGOSLAVIA APRIL 2-7 FOR FAMILIARIZATION WITH A COUNTRY HE HAS NEVER BEFORE VISITED. ASPIN WILL ARRIVE IN BELGRADE FROM ROME AT 4:20 P.M. ON SUNDAY, APRIL 2 AND PLANS TO DEPART FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 7, AT 8:45 TO LONDON. HE WILL BE TRAVELING ALONE.

2. ASPIN IS INTERESTED IN VISITING BELGRADE AND ZAGREB AS WELL AS ANOTHER YUGOSLAV CITY WHICH WOULD PROVIDE SOME FEEL FOR THE COUNTRY'S ETHNIC AND ECONOMIC DIVERSITY. NOVI SAD WAS MENTIONED AS A POSSIBILITY WHICH WOULD NOT ENTAIL EXTENSIVE IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL, BUT ASPIN HAS ALSO RAISED POSSIBILITY OF VISIT TO COAST (DUBROVNIK) EVEN IF
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THIS INVOLVES DRIVING. HE WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS ON ITINERARY AND PROGRAM.

3. THEMES WHICH ASPIN WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON INCLUDE THE GENERAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION, NATIONALITY ISSUES, YUGOSLAV-SOVIET RELATIONS AND SELF-MANAGEMENT. ASPIN WOULD LIKE TO MEET YUGOSLAVS WHO COULD BRIEF HIM ON

THESE TOPICS (E.G., GLIGOROV, VRATUSA, A TOP JOURNALIST,

AN ECONOMIST LIKE

LJUBISA MARKOVIC, ETC). HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH
DAVID ANDELMAN OF THE TIMES, AND TO VISIT THE MILITARY
MUSEUM IN BELGRADE.

4. SINCE ASPIN WILL BE LEAVING WASHINGTON THIS SUNDAY,
DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AT LEAST PRELIMIN-
ARY SUGGESTIONS FOR HIS PROGRAM BY THIS FRIDAY. VANCE

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